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# Corps Facts

## Recreation Sites

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### **Northern Minnesota**

*Cross Lake*: Located on the Pine River, in Crosslake, Minn. The site is heavily wooded with a variety of tree species. It's situated in a growing tourist destination, so local amenities are within walking distances. The site offers opportunities for boating, camping, fishing, picnicking and swimming. There are also playgrounds on site.

*Gull Lake*: Located on the Gull River at the outlet of Gull Lake, 10 miles northwest of Brainerd, Minn. Interpretive hiking trails wind through an undeveloped forest area. Recreational opportunities include boating, camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking and swimming. There is also a playground.

*Leech Lake*: Located on the northeastern corner of Leech Lake in Federal Dam, Minn. The campground is known for its fishing and offers a wooded camping setting, as well as an area for overnight mooring of boats. Recreational opportunities include boating, camping, fishing and picnicking. There is also a playground.

*Pokegama Lake*: Located on the Mississippi River on the western edge of Grand Rapids, Minn. The recreation area offers boating, camping, fishing, picnicking and playground areas. Festivals and events are held throughout the summer in the nearby city.

*Sandy Lake*: Located in the outlet of Big Sandy Lake, 13 miles north of McGregor, Minn. This site is part of the fur trade canoe route that linked Lake Superior and the Mississippi River during the 1800s. Recreation opportunities include boating, camping, fishing, historical interpretation, picnicking, playground areas and swimming.

*Winnibigoshish Lake*: Located on the lake's outlet, 14 miles northwest of Deer River, Minn. Area forests contain towering trees and native wildlife. Recreational opportunities on the site include boating, camping, fishing and picnicking. There is also a playground.

### **Western Minnesota**

*Lac Qui Parle*: Located on the Upper Minnesota River in western Minnesota near the South Dakota border. Two day-use facilities are operated on this site below Lac qui Parle and Marsh Lake dams. Facilities include fishing areas, picnic areas and playgrounds.

*Lake Traverse*: Located along the boundary of western Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. This site offers a wildlife refuge of 1,521 acres, jointly managed by the Corps and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This land is open to the public for camping, fishing and hunting.

*Orwell Lake*: Located on the Ottertail River, six miles southwest of Fergus Falls, Minn. This site offers two day-use facilities with fishing areas, picnic shelters, playgrounds and plumbing. In addition, the Minnesota DNR leases 1,985 acres of the site as a wildlife sanctuary, so it is a prime place to view nature.

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## **North Dakota**

*Ashtabula Lake*: Located 12 miles northwest of Valley City, N.D., in the scenic valley of the Sheyenne River. The Corps of Engineers manages the seven recreation areas, as well as 13 separate wildlife areas here. A segment of the National North Country Trail is along the lake. Recreational opportunities include boating, camping, fishing, hunting, picnicking, swimming and snowmobiling.

*Homme Lake*: Located on the south branch of the Park River, two miles west of Park River, N.D. The Walsh County Park Board operates a park near the dam that provides facilities for boating, camping and picnicking. The surrounding land, managed by the Corps, is open for skiing, hiking, hunting and snowmobiling.

## **Wisconsin**

*Blackhawk Park*: Located adjacent to the main channel of the Mississippi River, three miles south of De Soto, Wis. It's the largest public use facility in Pool 9, and many of the campsites offer a picturesque view of the river. Recreational A segment of the National North Country Trail is along the lake. include boating, camping, fishing and picnicking.

*Eau Galle Lake*: Located on the Eau Galle River, north of Spring Valley, Wis. The lake is 150 acres and surrounded by two day-use areas, a beach, a boat launch and a campground. Recreational activities include boating (non-gasoline-powered boats only), camping, cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking, picnicking and swimming.

## **Making Reservations**

For more information on making camping reservations at Corps of Engineers' parks, see [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com) or call toll free 877-444-6777.